# GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

## LODGING COMPARABILITY STUDY







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### I. INTRODUCTION

## 2009 LODGING COMPARABILITY ANALYSIS GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

The following lodging comparability analysis was completed by Business Management to obtain a base for future rate requests/approvals for lodging operations.

During the weeks August 17 & August 31, 2009, representatives from the National Park Service (NPS) and ARAMARK Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas, (ARAMARK) visited lodging facilities in Arizona and Utah. The potential comparable lodging facilities were determined jointly by the NPS and ARAMARK officials prior to the on-site visits.

The survey team consisted of the following individuals:

Julie Drugatz, Uplake/Antelope Point Concessions Specialist, Glen Canyon NRA Jacki Blais, Downlake Concessions Specialist, Glen Canyon NRA Karen Rinker, Rate Coordinator, ARAMARK

This comparability analysis and survey was compiled in accordance with the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, P.L. 105-391, 112 Stat. 3596, 16 U.S.C. which states:

### Sec. 406. Reasonableness of Rates.

Sec. (a). Each concession contract shall permit the concessioner to set reasonable and appropriate rates and charges for facilities, goods, and services provided to the public, subject to approval under subsection (b).

Sec. (b). A concessioner's rates and charges to the public shall be subject to approval by the Secretary. The approval process utilized by the secretary shall be as prompt and as unburdensome to the concessioner as possible and shall rely on market forces to establish reasonableness or rates and charges to the maximum extent practicable. The Secretary shall approve rates and charges that the Secretary determines to be reasonable and appropriate. Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the reasonableness and appropriateness of rates and charges shall be determined primarily by comparison with those rates and charges for facilities, goods, and services of comparable character under similar conditions, with due consideration to the following factors and other factors deemed relevant by the Secretary: length of season, peak loads, average percentage of occupancy, accessibility, availability and costs of labor and materials, and type of patronage. Such rates and charges may not exceed the market rates and charges for comparable facilities, goods, and services, after taking into account the factors referred to in the preceding sentence.

In addition, the 2006 National Park Service Management Policies, Chapter 10, provides the following guidance:

### 10.2.4.7 Rates.

The National Park Service must approve all rates charged to visitors by concessioner. The reasonableness of a concessioner's rates and charges to the public will, unless otherwise provided in the contract, be judged primarily on the basis of comparison with current rates and charges for facilities and services of comparable character under similar conditions. Due consideration will be given to length of season, provision of peak loads, average percentage of occupancy, accessibility, availability and costs of labor and materials, type of patronage and other factors deemed significant by the Director.

There are six rate approval methods that the Superintendent may use when reviewing a concessioner's rate request. Each of these methods conforms to and is in compliance with the Concessions Policy Act of 1998 (PL 105-391). The rate approval method used for this survey is the Direct Comparability Method.

The Direct Comparability Method consists of two processes; the Full Review and the Limited Review. The Full Review is the process used for this comparability survey and required on-site collection of information from businesses identified as potential comparables and most similar to the concession operations. This information was analyzed and the properties determined to be most similar will be used as actual comparables in the assessment of concessioner's rate requests.

On-site visits to collect information included the following potential comparable lodging facilities:

1.	Hampton Inn	Kayenta, AZ	www.hampton.com
2.	Holiday Inn	Kayenta, AZ	www.holiday-in.com/kayentaaz
3.	Goulding's Lodge	Monument Valley, UT	www.gouldings.com
4.	Greenwell Inn (BW)	Moab, UT	www.greenwellinmoab.com
5.	Aarchway Inn	Moab, UT	www.aarchwayinn.com
6.	Big Horn Lodge	Moab, UT	www.bighornmoab.com
7.	Sandstone Inn	Torrey, UT	www.sandstonecapitolreef.com
8.	Capitol Reef Resort (BW	Torrey, UT	www.bestwestern.com
9.	Bryce Canyon Resort	Bryce, UT	www.brycecanyonresort.com
10.	. Cameron Trading Post	Cameron, AZ	www.camerontradingpost.com

# II. SELECTION OF COMPARABLES METHODOLOGY

As directed by Director's Order NPS-48 4.3 Rate Approval Program, a list of criteria was used to determine which of the facilities visited would be selected as most similar/comparable to the concessioner's lodging operations. These criteria have numeric values when added together support decisions in determining the most similar/comparable facilities. After the actual comparables are identified, further analysis will consider Extra Quality Features (EQF) to determine where the concessioner fits among the comparable properties lodging operations and range of rates.

### CRITERIA

- 1. Competition
- 2. Seasonality
- 3. Similar Area
- 4. Similar Clientele
- 5. Occupancy Rate
- 6. Facility Characteristics
- 7. Similar Size

Also included is a review of EQF's. These are additional features/attributes that add merit, but are not assigned a numeric value. EQF's are not intended to be used in the process of selecting actual comparables but only to analyze the variables between the concessioners and comparables.

### Facility Related

### Rooms

Compliance – ADA Requirements

### TV

Free Cable

### Telephones

• Free Local Calls/800 Calls

### Internet

- Wireless
- Free Internet Access

### Vending

Common Area

### Retail Facilities

Restaurant - Bar

• Full Service Dining Room

### Marina/Beach

### Service Related

- Make Other Reservations
- Registration Office Open 24 Hours

### **Local Factors**

- Greening Amenities
- Recycling Programs
- In-Room Coffee
- Ironing Board/Iron
- Hair Dryers
- Microwave
- ATM
- In-Room Refrigerator
- Cancellation Policy (72 hours)
- Pet Policy

### III. ANALYSIS AND DETERMINATION

The following lodging facilities were selected based on the criteria as the most similar/comparable to the concessioner, ARAMARK Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas operations. All selections were determined under the Direct Comparability/Full Review and Competitive Market Declaration processes requiring the National Park Service to collect information/documentation from businesses located outside of the recreation/park area.

### **Bullfrog Marina – Defiance House Lodge (Comparability)**

Prior to selection of the study area or selection of potential comparable properties the concessioner and representatives from NPS completed a Rating Criteria Guide in accordance to the *Concession Management Rate Administration Guide April 2009* to be used by the study team members for the unbiased evaluation of each potential comparable. Upon completion of the property review process, all rating sheets were reviewed and calculated with a score assigned to each operation. Four Defiance House lodging comparables fell below the desirable cut-off of 65 points and six comparables remained ranging from 70 to 67 criteria points. For all practical purposes one criteria factor "Similar Size" was the element that separated operations to be used in this 2009 Lodging Comparability Study. The operations to be used for this full review and future simplified reviews of operations and rate analysis are Hampton Inn, Kayenta AZ; Goulding's Lodge, Monument Valley, UT; BW Greenwell and Bighorn Lodge, Moab, UT; Sandstone Inn, Torrey, UT; and Cameron Trading Post, Cameron, AZ.

### Lake Powell Resort (Competitive Market Declaration)

In following the guidance provided in the *Concession Management Rate Administration Guide*, we have determined that a competitive market for overnight accommodations exists for the concessioner's lodging operations.

Lake Powell Resort Overnight Accommodations Competitive Market Declaration.

Overnight accommodations provided by ARAMARK (Lake Powell Resort) in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area are vended in a competitive market. The rates charged by the concessioner for overnight accommodations at the Lake Powell Resort are negotiated between buyer and seller. In consideration of these factors, it is declared that rates charged by the concessioner are comparable and approved. The concessioner may price lodging rates competitively without further approval from the National Park Service. (See Competitive Market Declaration under section D in this study)

### A. CONCESSIONER

Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas

# LAKE POWELL RESORTS & MARINAS managed by ARAMARK SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES, INC.

Bullfrog Marina P.O. Box 4055 Bullfrog, Utah, 84533 Phone: 435-684-3032

Fax: 435-684-3114

Reservations: 800-528-6154

### www.lakepowell.com

Bullfrog Marina offers overnight accommodations (lodge rooms and family units), fuel, full service marina, boat moorage, retail outlets, campground and



RV park, food and beverage services, boat rentals, and ferry service. The lodge has 48 rooms, a gift shop and outside deck areas. In-room amenities include a refrigerator, microwave, flat screen TV, coffee maker, DVD player, hair dryer, etc.







Lake Powell Resort P.O. Box 1597 Page, Arizona 86040 Phone: 928-645-1125

Fax: 928-645-1031

Reservations: 800-528-6154

www.lakepowell.com



Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas provides the following visitor services within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: overnight accommodations, food and beverage services, retail outlets, full marina services, water-based fuel and moorage, marina stores, campground/RV Park, boat tours, gas station, and boat rentals. The Lake Powell Resort is a full service resort with 348 guest rooms, fitness room, spa, two outdoor swimming pools,

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dining room, lounge, Java City Coffee, gift shop, and meeting rooms. The resort offers a mix of traditional rooms, deluxe rooms and suites to accommodate visitors. In-room amenities include hair dryer, refrigerator, coffee/coffee maker, iron/ironing board, etc.



Hampton Inn US Highway 160 P.O. Box 1219 Kayenta, Arizona 86033 Telephone: 928-697-3170

Fax: 928-697-3189

Reservations: 1-800-hampton

(800-426-7866)

### www.monumentvalleyonline.com

The Kayenta Hampton Inn offers

73 lodging rooms, outdoor heated pool, Reuben Heflin Restaurant, Kayenta Trading Company gift shop, free hot deluxe continental breakfast, and other amenities. The lodging room amenities include free wireless high speed Internet connection, guest laundry, free in-room movie channels and HBO, free local and 800 calls, coffee/coffee maker, etc.







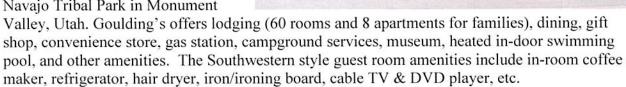


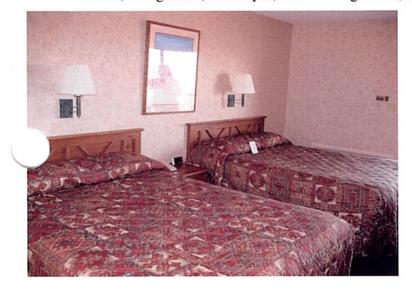


Goulding's Lodge P.O. Box 360001 Monument Valley, Utah 84536 Telephone: 435-727-3231 Fax: 435-727-3344

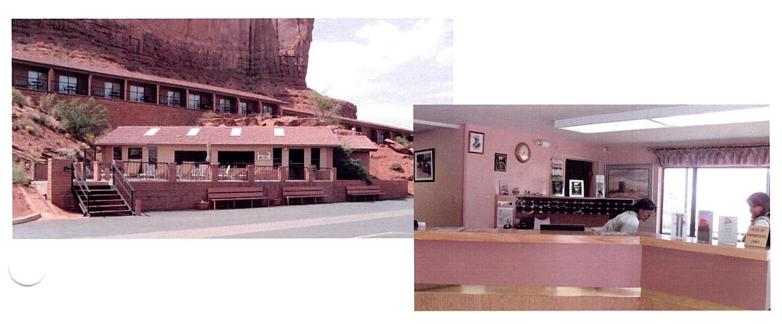
### www.gouldings.com

The Goulding's Lodge, open yearround, is located just inside the Arizona/Utah border adjacent to the Navajo Tribal Park in Monument











Bryce Canyon Resort P.O. Box 640006 139 West US Highway 12 Bryce, Utah 84764 Telephone: 435-834-5351

Fax: 435-834-5256

Reservations: 800-834-0043

### www.brycecanyonresort.com

Bryce Canyon Resort offers a mix of guest rooms, suites and rustic cottages/cabins with kitchenettes (70 rooms), indoor swimming pool, two restaurants on site, etc. In-room amenities include cable TV, hair dryers, complimentary high-speed Internet access, hair dryer, individually controlled AC/heat, iron/ironing board, microwave and/or refrigerator (on request), etc.









Holiday Inn – Monument Valley Junction US Highway 160 & 163

P.O. Box 307

Kayenta, Arizona 86033 Telephone: 9298-697-3221

Fax: 928-697-3349

Reservations: 1-800-HOLIDAY (800-

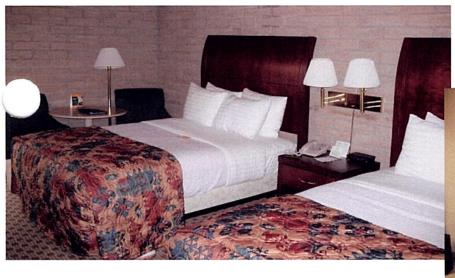
465-4329)

### www.holidayinnkayenta.com

The Holiday Inn offers 163 guest rooms, a full service restaurant featuring both authentic Native American Cuisine and Traditional American, in-room dining,



gift shop, fitness center, guest laundry, heated outdoor swimming pool, and other amenities. The guest room amenities include in-room coffee makers, iron/ironing board, hairdryers, cable TV, etc.









Sandstone Inn 955 E. SR 24 P.O. Box 750208 Torrey, Utah 84775 Telephone: 435-425-3775

Fax: 435-425-3212

Reservations: 800-458-0216



### www.sandstonecapitolreef.com

The Sandstone Inn guest services include 50 guest rooms, a full-service restaurant, complimentary coffee at restaurant, in-door heated pool & spa, banquet/conference facilities and other amenities. The in-room amenities include free high-speed Internet access, honeymoon suite with a Jacuzzi tub, queen or king beds, refrigerator, microwave, etc.





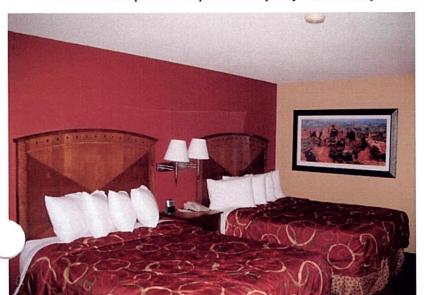
Best Western Greenwell Inn 105 S. Main Street Moab, Utah 84532 Telephone: 435-259-6151

Fax: 435-259-4397

### www.greenwellinnmoab.com

The Greenwell Inn located in

downtown Moab, Utah offers 72 guest rooms and one suite. Complimentary lobby coffee bar is available to provide a pick-me-up any time of day. Other amenities offered include an outdoor



heated pool, full-sized spa, fitness center, guest laundry, free local calls, in-room coffee, refrigerator, microwave, etc.





# 2009 LODGING COMPARABILITY STUDY - DEFIANCE HOUSE

The following criteria are used to determine comparability when using the direct full review approval method of rate approval.

Defiance Hampton Inn	Defiance		Holiday Inn	Holiday Inn   Goulding's   Greenwell   Aarchway   Big Horn   Sandstone   BW C	Greenwell	Aarchway	Big Horn	Sandstone	BW Capitol	Bryce Cyn	Cameron	
COMPARABLE OPERATIONS	House	Kayenta	Kayenta	Lodge	(BW) Moab	Motel	Lodge	lnn	Reef	Resort	Trading Post	
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2. SEASONALITY Year Round Operation (10)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
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3. SIMILAR AREA	,				,			,	,	,	,	
Destination (10)	9	10	10	10	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	
Rural (5)												
Urban (3)							5					
4. SIMILAR CLIENTELE		B										
Vacationing Public (10)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Business/Corporate (5)												
5. OCCUPANCY RATE												
85% or More (10)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		10	
84%-70% (5)										5		
69% or less (3)												
6. FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS									*:			
Building Type												
Low Rise Two Story (3)	ო		က	က	ო	က	ო	ო	က	က		
High Rise 3+ Story (2)		2									2	
Single Story (1)												
Age of Facility												
1984 & newer (3)	က	ო		က		က		က	က			
1960-1983 (2)			7	ū	7		7			2	2	
1959 and older (1)												
Construction Type												
Frame Wood (4)	4		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Masonary/Steel (2)		2										
Other (1)												
7. SIMILAR SIZE					ę							
10 - 75 Rooms (10)	10	10		10	10		10	10		10	10	
76 - 100 Rooms (5)						2						
Over 100 Rooms (3)			က						ო			
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TOTAL CRITERIA POINTS	70	29	62	02	69	65	69	02	63	64	89	
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# 2009 LODGING COMPARABILITY STUDY - DEFIANCE HOUSE

	Defiance	Defiance Hampton Inn	Holiday Inn	Goulding's	Greenwell	Aarchway	Big Horn	Sandstone BW Capitol	BW Capitol	Bryce Cyn	Cameron	
COMPARABLE OPERATIONS	House	Kayenta	Kayenta		(BW) Moab	Motel		lnn	Reef	Resort	Trading Post	
EXTRA QUALITY FEATURES												
ROOMS						-	-	**	,		-	
COMPLIANCE - ADA REQUIRE	>	^	>	>	>	7	7	~	>	>	>	
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FREE CABLE	>											
TELEPHONES												
FREE LOCAL CALLS/800 CALLS												
INTERNET												
FREE INTERNET ACCESS												
WIRELESS												
VENDING												
COMMON AREA	7											
RETAIL FACILITIES	^	1	^	٨	^	^	^	^	1	^	^	
RESTAURANT - BAR			200				00'		OH	52		
FULL SERVICE DINING ROOM	7	^	7	^			^	7	^	>	>	
MARINA/BEACH	٨			0								
SERVICE RELATED												
MAKE OTHER RESERVATIONS	٨											
RESERVATION 24 HOURS	٨											
LOCAL FACTORS												
GREENING AMENITIES	^											
RECYCLING PROGRAMS	>											
IN-ROOM COFFEE	^											
IRONING BOARD/IRON	٨		( *)									
HAIR DRYERS	٨											
MICROWAVE	^											
ATM	^				- 4							
IN-ROOM REFRIGERATOR	^											
CANCELLATION POLICY - 72 HOURS	>											
PETS ALLOWED/POLICY	7											

# COMPARABLES KEY

- 1. Hampton Inn Kayenta
  - 2. Holiday Inn Kayenta
- 3. Goulding's Lodge Monument Valley
  - 4. Best Western Greenwell Inn Moab
    - 5. Aarchway Inn Moab 6. Big Horn Lodge Moab

- 7. Sandstone Inn Torrey
  8. Best Western Capitol Reef Resort Torrey
  9. Bryce Canyon Resort Bryce
  10. Cameron Trading Post Cameron

### Lake Powell Resort (Competitive Market Declaration)

ARAMARK Lake Powell Resort & Marinas (ARAMARK) provides overnight accommodations at the Lake Powell Resort. Overnight accommodation options are also offered/provided by businesses in the city of Page, Arizona. The Lake Powell Resort competes for lodging customers with the following businesses:

- Courtyard by Marriott
- Best Western Arizona Inn
- Best Western at Lake Powell
- Quality Inn Lake Powell
- Travelodge
- Page Boy Motel
- America's Best Value Inn
- Lake Powell Days Inn & Suites
- Holiday Inn Express
- Motel 6
- Super 8 Motel
- Lake Powell International Hostel
- Budget Host inn
- Rodeway Inn

In following the guidance provided in the *Concession Management Rate Administration Guide*, we have determined that a competitive market for overnight accommodations exists for the concessioner's lodging operations.

Use of a competitive market declaration for approving rates for overnight accommodations will be authorized. Rates can be adjusted without the specific approval of the Superintendent, but they are subject to review to ensure that they remain reasonable in comparison to the services offered by the other businesses.

This declaration will be reviewed annually and the use of this method can be rescinded if the Superintendent determines that situations have changed. This decision to change rate approval methods is at the discretion of the Superintendent.

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Aarchway Inn 1551 N. Highway 191 Moab, Utah 84532

Telephone: 435-259-2599

Fax: 435-259-2270

Reservations: 800-341-9359

### www.aarchwayinn.com

The Aarchway Inn offers 97 guest rooms including triple queen rooms

and suites. Other amenities include a banquet/meeting room, complimentary hot breakfast, exercise room, shuttle service, indoor hot tub, heated outdoor pool, etc. In-room amenities include microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, wireless internet,











Big Horn Lodge 550 South Main Street Moab, Utah 84532 Telephone: 435-259-6171

Fax: 435-259-

### www.bighornmoab.com

The Big Horn Lodge offers 60 guestrooms, restaurant, outdoor pool,

etc. In-room amenities include high speed Internet, satellite/cable TV, hair dryer, coffee/tea maker, microwave, refrigerator, iron/ironing board, etc.









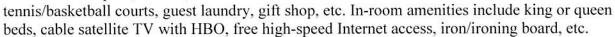
Best Western Capitol Reef 2600 E. Highway 24 Torrey, Utah 84775 Telephone: 435-425-3761

Fax: 435-425-3300

Reservations: 800-780-7234

### www.bestwestern.com

Best Western Capitol Reef Resort offers 104 guest rooms, restaurant, heated outdoor pool, hot tub,











Cameron Trading Post P.O. Box 339

Cameron, Arizona 86020 Telephone: 928-679-2231

Fax: 928-679-2350

**Reservations: 800-338-7385** 

### www.camerontradingpost.com

Historic Cameron Trading Post offers guest rooms (luxury suites, double and

single rooms), gift shop, full service restaurant, Native American art gallery, market, gas station, etc. In-room amenities include cable TV, coffee maker, wireless Internet access, etc.

